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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ARA

FOR AMBASSADORS, CHARGES AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS FROM
KUBISCH

1. THIS AFTERNOON, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE SECRETARY,
CHIEFS OF L. A. MISSIONS TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE OAS,
AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, I TOOK MY OATH OF OFFICE
AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ARA. THIS FOLLOWED OUR RETURN
TO WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT FROM THE MOST EXTENSIVE TRIP
TO LATIN AMERICA BY A SECRETARY OF STATE IN FORTY YEARS.

2. THE SECRETARY MADE EXTENSIVE REMARKS TO THOSE PRESENT
SUMMING UP HIS PRINCIPAL REACTIONS TO THE TRIP, AND THESE
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AND OTHER APPROPRIATE POLICY STATEMENTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU. SEE ALSO HIS SPEECH OF MAY 18 AT THE CASA BOLIVAR IN BOGOTA FOR ADDITIONAL POLICY GUIDANCE.

3. FOR MYSELF, I WANT TO SEND YOU ALL GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES. I AM VERY HONORED AND GREATLY WELCOME THE RESPONSIBILITIES I HAVE ASSUMED TODAY.

4. I ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE ENTERED A NEW ERA OF INTEREST AND COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. WE SHALL BE BUILDING ON PAST PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND WE WILL FURTHER MODERNIZE OUR BASIC POLICY WHICH HAS AS ONE OF ITS MAJOR GOALS A RELATIONSHIP WITH L. A. GOVERNMENTS CHARACTERIZED BY REALISM, FRANKNESS, FRIENDSHIP, AND MUTUAL RESPECT. WE RECOMMIT OURSELVES TO THE GOAL OF A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS.

5. TO THOSE OF YOU AND YOUR STAFFS WHOM WE VISITED ON OUR JUST COMPLETED TRIP, I WISH TO SEND A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS. THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY WERE MOST IMPRESSED BY THE SPLENDID SUPPORT AND COOPERATION RECEIVED, AND AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY- DESIGNATE AT THE TIME I WAS PROUD OF ARA AND THE MISSIONS ABROAD.

6. TO THOSE NOT VISITED, I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS - EITHER HERE IN WASHINGTON OR AT YOUR POSTS.

7. TO ALL, I ASK FOR YOUR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT AND YOUR REDEDICATION TO SERVING THE UNITED STATES WHOSE OVERALL INTERESTS, I AM CONVINCED, COINCIDE WITH OR PARALLEL VERY CLOSELY THE TRUE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THIS HEMISPHERE. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT. ROGERS

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